TION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Panel on admissions in private professional institutions

1149. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a Panel to frame guidelines for admission and fees for private professional institutions; and

(b) if so, what are the terms of reference thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The Supreme Court in their judgement of 4-2-1993 in Unnikrishnan case has evolved a Scheme for regulating admissions and fee structure in Private Professional Institutions. The Regulations to be issued by the All India Council for Technical Educations (AICTE) pertaining to technical education depend upon the final approval by the Government to the the Draft Guidelines already framed by Department of Education.

Functioning of new Navodaya Vidyalayas

1150. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Indian Express of 26th August, 1993 captioned "Navodaya Schools dream turns Sour";

(b) if so, whether Government have assessed the success so for achieved in the implementation of the "Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya's" scheme in different states in the light of this report; if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what further steps and projects are contemplated for providing such vidyalayas to districts where none has been set up so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Press Report related to the cases of death of Navodaya Vidyalaya students that occurred in different schools due to various causes. While the Report has referred to the Navodaya Vidyalaya scheme as an experiment that has worked well and popular with the State Governments, it has also highlighted the laxity in the care and custody of the children by the school authorities. Government are deeply concerned about such incidents of death of students. The following measures are being taken to strengthen implementation of the scheme as a result of an internal review:—

—Setting up in-service training arrangements for teachers directly by the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti.

—Each school to be subjected to detailed inspection every year by a panel of 3 independent educationists and follow-up action.

—Construction programme of permanent school buildings to be strengthened by positioning qualified and experienced Engineers at Headquarters and Regional Offices.

—New Regional Office at Patna being set up to ease the workload in this region and facilitate effective monitoring, inspection and control of schools.

—Recruitment Rules for teaching and non-teaching staff being reviewed/revised in the light of experience of shortcomings.